



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, March 18, 2019, at 2:45 p.m.

By

Marcia Sakai

Interim Chancellor

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

and

Robert McLaren

Interim Director

Institute for Astronomy

and

Michael Bruno, Vice Chancellor for Research

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SCR 214/SR 173 – SUPPORTING THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER TO FURTHER ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND LEADING EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS CONCERNING THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES ON MAUNA KEA AT HALE POHAKU AND ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATION OUTREACH AT THE HALE POHAKU TO THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

Chairs Kahele and Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 214/SR 173 in support of the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center ('Imiloa). The University of Hawai'i recognizes the critical need to enhance 'Imiloa's role in developing and leading educational efforts at Halepohaku concerning the cultural, natural, and historic resources on Maunakea. The University of Hawai'i also appreciates the legislature's acknowledgement of the various partnerships that 'Imiloa has led.

Under 'Imiloa's leadership, a project is currently underway to create new educational displays for the Onizuka Center for International Astronomy at the Maunakea Visitor Information Station (VIS). The new displays are expected to be installed for public viewing in the coming months, after further development and consultation. 'Imiloa has also begun providing training to VIS staff, and efforts are ongoing to share experience and expertise between these groups. This effort is further strengthening working relationships among 'Imiloa and other UH and related organizations operating on Maunakea, including the Office of Maunakea Management, Maunakea Observatories Support Services, the Institute for Astronomy, and the Maunakea Observatories. These near-term efforts are expected to lead to longer-term educational and outreach

improvements for the VIS, led by 'Imiloa in consultation with the Hawai'i Island community.

'Imiloa is critical to the success of astronomical and cultural advancement for the State of Hawai'i. UH anticipates that 'Imiloa's role in providing educational outreach at Halepohaku regarding the cultural, natural, and historic resources of Maunakea will continue to expand. 'Imiloa is qualified and poised to take on this increased responsibility; and, is critical to the success of astronomical and cultural advancement for the State of Hawai'i. We will continue working internally and with stakeholders to determine what specific organizational changes will be needed to ensure the success of these efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these resolutions.



LATE

THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Pō‘alua, Malaki 18, 2019
Lumi ‘Aha Kūkā 225
Ke Kapikala Moku‘āina
415 South Beretānia Street

Re: SCR214/SR173 - SUPPORTING THE ‘IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER TO FURTHER ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND LEADING EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS CONCERNING THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES ON MAUNA KEA AT HALE POHAKU AND ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATION OUTREACH AT THE HALE POHAKU TO THE ‘IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

Aloha Luna Ho‘omalu Kaiali‘i Kahele, Hope Luna Ho‘omalu Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Luna Ho‘omalu Maile Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho‘omalu Kaiali‘i Kahele and members of the Senate committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** SCR214/SR173. This resolution commends ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center for its efforts and to request that the education outreach efforts and operations at the Mauna Kea Visitor Information Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy to the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center. At its 58th annual convention, the Association passed resolution 2018-24, supporting the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center to further its role in developing and leading educational efforts concerning the cultural, natural, and historic resources on Mauna Kea at Hale Pōhaku.

Thus, the Association respectfully urges the committee to **PASS** SCR214/SR173.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai‘i and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture,

health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our *mana* 'o.

Me ka 'oia 'i 'o,

Hailama Farden
Pelekikena



LATE

Luna O Na Papa Alakai

Committee on Water and Land
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Pelekikena
A. Makana Paris

Tuesday, March 18, 2019
Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretānia Street

Hope Pekekikena
Ekahi
Randi Fernandez

Hope Pelekikena
Elua
Matthew Gumapac

Re: SCR214/SR173 - SUPPORTING THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER TO FURTHER ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND LEADING EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS CONCERNING THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES ON MAUNA KEA AT HALE POHAKU AND ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATION OUTREACH AT THE HALE POHAKU TO THE 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

Puuku
Denise Kekuna

Kakauolelo Hoopaa
Sai Furukawa

Kakauolelo Hooholo
Palapala
Kamuela Werner

Aloha Chair/Vice-Chair Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, and honorable members:

Pelekikena Hala
Koke
Yvonne 'PeeWee'
Ryan

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club **SUPPORTS** the passage of SCR214/SR173. This resolution recognizes the efforts of 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in culturally relevant education outreach efforts and transfers education outreach operations at the Mauna Kea Visitor Information Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy to 'Imiloa. At its 58th annual convention, the Association passed resolution 2018-24, supporting the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center to further its role in developing and leading educational efforts concerning the cultural, natural, and historic resources on Mauna Kea at Hale Pōhaku.

Luna Alakai
Kuni Agard
Puamana Crabbe
Kanani Pali
Marlene Sai
Jennifer Smythe
Bruce Wong

Founded in 1964, PKHCC was organized to promote the education and social welfare of people of Hawaiian ancestry and objectives include supporting high ethical standards in business, industry and the professional fields of enterprise.

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 4728
Honolulu ~ Hawaii
96812

PKHCC urges the committee to **PASS** SCR214/SR173.

www.pkhcc.org

Me ke aloha,


A. Makana Paris
Pelekikena
president@pkhcc.org

Founded in 1964
by Liliuokalani
Kawananakoa Morris